



California Water Quality Monitoring Council



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2015

9:00 AM to 12 Noon

First Floor, Training Room 1 East/West
Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a planning subcommittee of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council will meet to discuss issues relating to its responsibilities pursuant to [California Senate Bill 1070 \(Kehoe, 2006\)](#). A quorum of Monitoring Council Members and/or Alternates may be present.

MEETING PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this meeting is for the Planning Subcommittee of the Monitoring Council to briefly review past successes and challenges with implementation of their recommended [Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy for California](#) and to develop recommendations to the full Monitoring Council regarding future changes to the strategy and/or implementation. Meeting topics will include:

- Summarize context and background from August 27 Council meeting
- Perspective of the California Environmental Protection Agency
- Monitoring Council Governance
- Focus of the Monitoring Council and its workgroups
- Summarize recommendations to full Monitoring Council

BACKGROUND

In November 2007, a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) was signed by the Secretaries of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the California Natural Resources Agency establishing the California Water Quality Monitoring Council. The MOU was mandated by SB 1070 and requires the boards, departments and offices within Cal/EPA and the Natural Resources Agency to integrate and coordinate their water quality and related ecosystem monitoring, assessment, and reporting efforts.

Monitoring Council members include representatives from CalEPA, the Natural Resources Agency, the Division of Drinking Water, citizen monitoring groups, regulated publicly owned treatment works, stormwater and agriculture, water supply interests, the scientific community, and the public. The Monitoring Council is also required by SB 1070 to consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whose representative attends most Monitoring Council meetings.

SB 1070 and the MOU require that the Monitoring Council develop specific recommendations to improve the coordination and cost-effectiveness of water

quality and related ecosystem monitoring and assessment, to enhance the integration of monitoring data across departments and agencies, and to increase public accessibility to monitoring data and assessment information. While the Monitoring Council has and may recommend new monitoring or management initiatives, its builds on existing efforts to the greatest extent possible.

SB 1070 and the MOU require that the Monitoring Council, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, recommend a “comprehensive monitoring program strategy that utilizes and expands upon the state’s existing statewide, regional, and other monitoring capabilities and describes how the state will develop an integrated monitoring program that will serve all of the state’s water quality monitoring needs and address all of the state’s waters over time.” The recommended *Strategy* was submitted to the Agency Secretaries at the end of 2010.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The meeting agenda and related information will be available at least 10 days prior the meeting on the Monitoring Council’s website at:

http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/

Paper copies of the agenda and related documents will also be made available upon request by contacting:

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LOCATION & ACCESS

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Remote access will not be available for this subcommittee meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to the Monitoring Council staff:

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October 28, 2015

Date



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